

Revitalize Beach Picnic Area \$1,000,000

The York River Picnic Area is located in the heart of Historic Yorktown. It is owned by the National Park Service and is heavily used by visitors from across the Country. The Colonial National Historical Park Service has a mission that focuses on our Nation's Heritage rather than recreation. Therefore, the County of York is willing to assist in revitalizing and maintaining the picnic area.

The project will improve parking, upgrade picnic tables and equipment and will include work to improve the beach. The beach work will include the installation of granite breakwaters for shoreline erosion protection.



Protect Yorktown Museum Collections, \$725,000

The Yorktown artifact collection managed by the National Park Service is scattered among five sites with varying degrees (mostly poor) of environmental and physical security. The primary storage is a concrete block building on a slab that has constant problems with moisture and insects. In addition to inadequately protecting the artifact collection, this building is an eyesore on Ballard Street in historic Yorktown. This project involves building a new curatorial facility with proper environmental controls and storage cabinets, room for receiving, conserving and studying the artifacts, and space for exhibit preparation. This project also involves removal of the present building. This project will better protect the artifacts and allow them to be more useful for study and exhibit. This project will also make the historic village more visually attractive by removal of the present building.

One of the biggest eyesores in historic Yorktown will be removed as a result of this project. Some of the present collection is stored in Hamilton House, an ugly, deteriorating cinder block building. When the collection is moved to the new building, the Hamilton House will be removed.



Existing "Hamilton House" on Ballard Street which will be removed after the new Yorktown Museum Collections Project is complete.

National Liberty Monument \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000

National attention will be focused on the events sponsored in Yorktown commemorating the 225th anniversary of the surrender of British troops at Yorktown and the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement. York County is developing a very ambitious plan for improvements in Yorktown that will allow the village to host the visitation anticipated during these events.

The County plans to invest \$12 million on improvements between now and 2006, in addition to the \$7 million already spent. However, local funding will not be sufficient to complete certain projects. One such project is a monument that would commemorate our liberty that was secured when the Revolutionary War effectively ended with the surrender of Cornwallis in Yorktown.

The "Yorktown Liberty Monument" was originally designed by Felix DeWeldon in the early 1980's. Mr. DeWeldon is a famous sculptor who also designed the Iwo Jima Memorial monument which is proudly displayed in Washington, D.C.

DeWeldon's Yorktown Liberty Monument captures Washington, Lafayette and Rochambeau on horses. These men were instrumental in winning the Revolutionary War. It should be noted that there is not a single monument of any of these men (including Washington) in the Historic Triangle (Williamsburg, Jamestown or Yorktown).



Plaster "mock-up" of monument made in 1981 designed by Felix DeWeldon